

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2871 - HB 3088

March 4, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to create and administer a pool of funds to be used to make special payments to service providers outside the capitation payments made by TennCare Behavioral Health Organizations. The Commissioner, along with the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, would recommend the formula to be used in distributing the pool fund subject to the State Treasurer's approval. The bill is subject to funding in the Appropriations Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Estimate assumes:

- Any such fund would have to exceed \$1,000,000 to have any significant effect on the operation of service providers for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled.
- TennCare could not provide funding because it would not be administered by the single state Medicaid agency and must be included in essential provider payments under the current waiver rather than a separate fund.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director